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TITLE OF INVENTION: FIXING ELEMENT FOR BONE FRAGMENTS

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ATTENTION: DO/US

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE IN U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US) UNDER 35 U.S.C. section 371

This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. section 371 and 37 C.F.R. section 1.494 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905).

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DECLARATION OR OATH

I. No original declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

Attached is a Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.

FEES

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1. Fees for claims

Each independent claim in excess of 3	\$ 0.00
Each claim in excess of 20	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s)	\$ 0.00

2. Surcharge fees

Surcharge set forth in Section 1.492(e), for accepting the declaration later than 20 months after the priority date in filing an application in the U.S. as a designated office \$65.00

Total fees \$ 65.00

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

III. Applicant is a small entity. This statement satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.27(c) as presently amended.

EXTENSION OF TIME

IV. The proceedings herein are for a patent application. The provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.1 36(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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37 C.F.R. sections 1.492(a)(2), 1.492(a)(3), or 1.492(a)(5) (filing fees)

37 C.F.R. section 1.492(b) (presentation of extra claims)

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STATEMENT BY PRACTITIONER THAT APPLICATION FILED IN PTO IS THE ONE INVENTOR EXECUTED BY SIGNING DECLARATION

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state I am the registered practitioner for this application and the application identified above is the application that the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration that is being submitted herewith.

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